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Madrid, Feb. 18.

ON the 7th of this Month early in the Morning the Marquis Grimaldo went to the Lodgings of Monſieur Orry in the Palace of Buen-Retiro, and ſhewed him a Decree by which the King diſcharged him from aſſiſting any more at the Cabinet-Council, forbad him the Court, commanded him to deliver immediately all his Papers, and to depart for France within 4 Days; accordingly on the 10th in the Evening he ſet out from hence, having firſt deſired the Officers of the Cuſtoms to Search and Seal up his Baggage, that it might not be ſtopped on the Road on Suſpicion of containing contraband Goods. On the 7th in the Morning likewiſe, the King by another Decree diſmiſſed Don Melchor de Macanas from the Office of Fiſcal General of the Royal Council of Caſtile. 'Tis ſaid, that the Cardinal del Giudice, upon his being invited to return to Court, deſired previouſly that theſe two Miniſters ſhould be removed, ſeeing it was their Miſrepreſentations that drew on him the King's Diſpleaſure. His Majeſty has ſince cauſed another Decree, drawn up by his own Hand, to be ſignified to all the Councils, importing, That the ſole Bent of his Deſires, in governing his Kingdoms, being the Preſervation and Advancement of Religion in its Purity, the Relief and Welfare of his Subjects, the impartial Adminiſtration of Juſtice, the Extirpation of Vice, and the Encouragement of Virtue, which are the Motives of God's putting into the Hands of Monarchs the Reins of Government; and conſulting the Safety of his Conſcience by purſuing thoſe Ends, from which it is inſeparable; he commands them to be vigilant in repreſenting to him with all Chriſtian Liberty and without being reſtrained by any human Reſpects, whatever tends to the Good of Religion and of the State; and if he ſhould order any thing otherwiſe, for want of being rightly informed, to let him know it; Proteſting that his Intention is, to uſe his Authority to thoſe Purpoſes only for which God was pleaſed to give it him; charging upon his Miniſters, in the Preſence of God, all that ſhall be done contrary to what they are admoniſhed by this Decree; and declaring that he cannot think himſelf happy, unleſs his People find themſelves ſo under his Government. By another Decree, the King has commanded the Council of Caſtile to lay before him the Names of thoſe who compoſe the preſent Councils formed on the new Plan, with their Salaries; as alſo of thoſe who were of the former Councils, and their Salaries; which makes it judged that his Majeſty deſigns to put the Adminiſtration of the Government on the antient Foot. Yeſterday the Cardinal del Giudice arrived here, and immediately waited on the King, who received him with all Demonſtrations of Favour.

Vienna Feb. 23. Some Days ago Count Harach was ſent by the Emperor to carry the Order of the Golden Fleece to the Hereditary Prince of Bavaria at Gratz, where the young Princes of that Family have been kept ſince the Expulſion of the Elector from his Dominions; they have been invited to take this Court in their Way when they return to Munich, to which they have anſwered, that it is not in their own Choice to accept of the Favour offered them, but that they muſt conform themſelves to the Directions they ſhall receive from the Elector their Father. In a Council of War lately held, it was debated, whether the Emperor ought to aſſiſt the Venetians if the Turks attack them, and carried in the Affirmative by the Majority, of which Number was the Preſident Prince Eugene; but his Imperial Majeſty ſuſpends his Reſolutions thereupon, till he has heard what the Turkiſh Aga has to propoſe; we have Advice of that Miniſter's having paſſed Belgrade, ſo that he is now daily expected here; as are alſo the two Ambaſſadors extraordinary who come from the Republick of Venice. Count Traun the Marſhal of lower Auſtria, is gone to Preſbourg, as the Emperor's chief Commiſſioner, to put an End to the Seſſion of the Hungarian Diet. Baron Malknecht is come hither from the Elector of Bavaria, to thank the Emperor for the Reſtitution of his Dominions. Mr. Cadogan arrived here Yeſterday Morning, and is to have his firſt Audience of the Emperor this Evening.

St. James's, February 28. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to direct Letters Patents to paſs the Seals, for granting the Office of Poſt Maſter-General to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Cornwallis and James Craggs, Sen. Eſq;

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint

William Dalrymple, Eſq; Sir John Swinton, Sir James Smollet, Sir Patrik Johnſtoun, Barts. William Seaton, Jun. Alexander Abercrombie, Eſqrs; and Sir William Kerr of Greenhead to be Commiſſioners for diſpoſing ſo much of the Equivalent Mony payable to Scotland as remains yet unapplied.

James Pendlebury, Eſq; to be Maſter Gunner as well within the Tower of London, as within the Kingdom of Great Britain, and elſewhere.

Talbot Edwards, Eſq; to be ſecond Engineer. And Chriſtian Lilly, Eſq; to be third Engineer.

St. James's, February 28. This Day ſome of the Nobility and Gentry of the Principality of Wales attended their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, who were pleaſed to approve the Solemnizing the 1ſt of March, being St. David's Day, in the manner it has been advertized in the Gazette of the 15th of February.

Members choſen for the enſuing Parliament.

County of *Brecon*. Sir *Edward Williams*.
Borough of *Warwick*. the Honourable *Doddington Grevill*, *William Colemore*, Eſqrs;

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